

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. A clasp that comprises a first part and a second part that can be joined together to fasten the clasp and that can be separated from each other to release the clasp, wherein the first and the second parts are identical to each other, and each of the first and second parts includes:

- a) a resilient latch with an outwardly facing barb;
- b) a channel for receiving the barb of the other part;
- c) a catch located in the channel for engagement with the barb of the other part when the two parts are pushed together in an axial direction
- d) a housing containing the channel and extending transversely over the width of the part, the housing having an interface surface extending between the latch and the catch and abutting the corresponding interface surface of the other part when the clasp is fastened, the interface surface extending diagonally with respect to the axial direction such that the interface surface in the region of the catch is located axially behind the interface surface in the region of the barb;

wherein the arrangement of the barb and the catch of each part is such that the barb of each part engages the catch of the other part as the two parts are pushed together to keep the parts together and the latches of the two parts can be moved to release each barb from the catch of the other part and wherein the interface surfaces are arranged to slide over each other to separate the two parts when the barbs are released from the catches.

2) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein, on each part, the barb and the catch are arranged such that the catch is located axially behind the barb.

3) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latch and the catch are located on opposite sides of each part.

4) A clasp as claimed in claim 1, wherein the latch forms a wall of the housing of each of the parts, the latch being moveable with respect to the rest of the housing to release the barb from the catch and open the clasp.